

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

- against -

THOMPSON HUNT AND ASSOCIATES,
LTD., CARL ARNAL a/k/a MICHAEL J.
COHEN, CHRISTOPHER VAUGHAN,
BROOKDALE CONSULTANTS LLC, GROWTH
POINT CONSULTANTS, INC., DAMON
ARTIS, and RICHARD GAVZIE,

ORDER

24 Civ. 6035 (NRB)

Defendants.

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NAOMI REICE BUCHWALD
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

WHEREAS on October 29, 2024, counsel for defendant Richard Gavzie attempted to file a pro hac vice motion for attorney Elon Berk that was rejected by the Clerk of Court because it did not contain a Certificate of Good Standing, ECF No. 35; and

WHEREAS on the same day counsel for defendants Damon Artis and Gavzie filed Answers to the Complaint signed by attorneys Berk and Dmitry Gurovich, respectively, ECF Nos. 36-37; and

WHEREAS on the same day counsel for defendants Artis and Gavzie filed a letter requesting that the Court "accept Answers . . . on behalf of both defendants . . . with the understanding that

[] pro hac vice motions [for Berk and Gurovich] will be filed as soon as possible[,]” ECF No. 38; and

WHEREAS on October 31, 2024, the Court so-ordered counsel’s letter request, ECF No. 39; and


WHEREAS the Court held a conference on January 15, 2025 during which Berk and Gurovich were reminded of their obligations to submit compliant pro hac vice motions and Berk and Gurovich assured the Court they would do so; and

WHEREAS the Court contacted Berk by telephone on February 12, 2025 and reminded him of his obligation to submit compliant pro hac vice motions and Berk assured the Court that he would file such motions by February 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS to date, neither counsel has filed a compliant pro hac vice motion; it is hereby

ORDERED that, unless compliant pro hac vice motions are filed on or before March 11, 2025, neither Berk nor Gurovich may appear on behalf of defendants Artis and Gavzie and the prior Answers, ECF Nos. 36-37, will be struck from the docket.

Dated: New York, New York
March 4, 2025



NAOMI REICE BUCHWALD
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE